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FOREIGN.

The War in Europe.

French and Prussian Accounts of the Affair at Saarbruck.

Half the Town Destroyed by Fire.

Austria and Italy Form a Treaty of Alliance with France.

A Large Prussian Force Near Basle, Switzerland.

French Stories of the Wonderful Execution of the Mitrailleuse.

AT THE FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Saarbrück was taken to-day. Battle this morning. Loss slight on both sides.

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—The following is official: A reconnoitering party conducted by a body of regular light horse and Prussian hussars. The party engaged a French counting party near Saarbrück. One officer was killed and several wounded on the Frenchmen. Two Frenchmen were slightly wounded.

[Received by the Associated Press.]

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LONDON, Aug. 3.—The following is given to-day as the numbers and disposition of the Prussian army: The Duke of Mecklenburg commands the first army on the right of the Prussian line. Gen. Steinmetz has the second army, and Gen. Herwarth De Bittenfeld commands the third army. The army of the Rhine consists of the following numbers: 80,000 men at Coblenz, under General Steinmetz; 180,000 at the junction of the Main with the Rhine, under Prince Frederick Charles, and 80,000 along the upper Rhine, under the Prince Royal, Frederick William. The chief of staff are Generals Moltke, Blumenthal, Sperling and Stoleben.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—A dispatch from Constantinople, to the city of that Wissenburg, a town in the Palatinate on the border, has been stormed by the French.

The following details of the affair at Saarbrück are received: The fight began at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The French opened the fire in front of the position, which they won without serious loss. The Emperor and Prince Imperial witnessed the engagement from the heights in front.

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LONDON, Aug. 3.—It is generally asserted by the French that their reverses have not exercised their influence. An army sent might have overwhelmed Germany, but the army is now compelled to act mainly on the defensive.

PARIS, Aug. 3.—Later news from the frontier confirms the announcement of the capture of Saarbrück. Paris is delighted at the enthusiasm responding to the call to arms. Another dispatch says:

The French journals this morning publish the following account of the Saarbrück affair:

PARIS, Aug. 3.—The Prussians were formed the broadest at 11 o'clock. They instantly encountered the Prussian advance guard, and the fighting commenced. The Prussians were driven back, and were compelled to fall back upon their reserves. The Prussians were driven from their strong position by the sharp artillery fire of the French. The French retained the mastery of the position, which they won without serious loss. The Emperor and Prince Imperial witnessed the engagement from the heights in front.

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The Czar's Guards is going forward to Cologne to be in readiness. The people there receive them with great enthusiasm.

The Bourbon says there will be no fete in Paris on the 15th of August.

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The statement that a brother of the King of Denmark is with the Prussian army is false. He is in the Austrian service.

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BERN, Aug. 3.—Yesterday, when the Hospital of Sanitaire was opened, the Empress of Russia was present. A correspondent describes it as a terrible sight to witness the wounded.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The Herald's cable special says it is positively asserted that Austria and Italy have entered into an alliance with France. The secret of the attitude of England towards France, as exhibited by the English press, and the declaration of Earl Granville in Parliament, seeming to suggest more than the possibility of England's co-operation with Prussia, in which case the security of Austria might be endangered, is said to have hastened the alliance.

Twenty hundred to the amount of five hundred million francs have been applied for.

In hourly anticipation of a great battle, active preparations are being made for the reception and care of the wounded. Extensive hospital arrangements are already prepared. Twelve hundred men are specially employed in making boxes in Paris for the transportation.

Political information in Paris points to total silence of the Red and Republican party of the army and Empire, to provoke a rising against the empire. Rochefort opposes the movement, and it is likely to be abandoned.

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SAFETY FILM

JOSHUA R. GIDDINGS.

An Incident of Two Thirty Years Ago.

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The Haymakers Meet Their Fate at Cleveland—Score, 17 to 6.

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FRANCE.